'hybrid names' alongwith an example, which is being used and which has been registered with the Registrar of Trade Mark ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, there is no separate definition of foreign trade mark, Indian trade mark or 'hybrid' trade mark. No composite trade mark (e.g. Maruti-suzuki, Hero-Honda etc.) has been registered with the Registrar of Trade Marks, as jointly owned Trade Mark.

Pilferage in LPG cylinders

665. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of the Oil Corporation had recently caught red-handed some delivery-men of M/s. Kataria Gas Agency, Delhi on charge of pilferage of gas from filled-up cylinders and the charges were subsequently found to be true; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against those delivery-men by the said Department ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Kataria Gas Agency, Delhi terminated the services of both the said deliverymen after giving 15 days' show-cause notice. However, later on, the deliverymen were reinstated after obtaining a letter of apology and an undertaking from both of them that they will not indulge in future in such malpractices. Since these deliverymen are not employees of the Indian Oil Corporation, no action can be taken against them by the Corporation. However, a letter of caution was issued by the oil company to the dealer under the Marketing Discipline guidelines.

Prices of Betamethasone and its salts

666. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the mark up eligible under DPCO, 1979 on formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts;

(b) whether it is a fact that Glaxo was enjoying a mark up of more than 200 per cent on these formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that liability shown by the company in their balance sheet ending 1987 was Rs. 3,300 lakhs on Betamethasone and its salts;

(d) whether it is also a fact that company has shown the liability as Rs. 1,11,175 lakhs ending March, 1989;

(e) whether his Ministry has reduced the liability;

(f) if so, on what ground;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has increased the prices of Betamethasone and its salts;

(h) if so, what was the earlier price and the revised prices; and

(i) what is the date from which the revised prices are applicable ?